

station was set up near the Statehouse, and 50 volunteers enlisted by the end of the first day. The first to volunteer was Concord police constable Edward Sturtevant, who 20 months later made the ultimate sacrifice at the Battle of Fredericksburg. It is said that the First New Hampshire Volunteer Regiment, mustered in Concord, was the first fully equipped regiment of volunteers to go to the front in 1861. Today, prominently displayed in the State capitol building in Concord, are the tattered, bloodstained regimental flags carried by Granite State soldiers at Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, and other Civil War battlefields.

The magnificent gold-domed Statehouse, at the center of Main Street, was completed in 1819, and is the oldest State capitol in which both houses of the legislature meet in their original chambers. The house of representatives consists of 400 members and is the third largest legislative body in the English-speaking world, exceeded only by the U.S. House and the British House of Commons.

For two centuries, Concord has been a commercial center and transportation hub, connected first by canal and later by railway and highway with Boston. In the first half of the 19th century, the city's Abbot Downing carriage manufacturer was known worldwide for its Concord Stagecoach, famed as "the coach that won the West."

Since the late 1800s and continuing today, the city has been famous for its granite quarries. The local granite type, Concord granite, is prized for its fine texture and absence of discoloring oxides and minerals. It has been used in the construction of countless Civil War monuments, the Library of Congress, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Pentagon, including portions of the Pentagon lost on 9/11.

Concord has been home to many people of renown, including Franklin Pierce, our Nation's 14th President. As a former public school teacher, my personal hero is Christa McAuliffe, a Concord High School social studies teacher who was selected by NASA from more than 11,000 applicants to become the first teacher in space. Tragically, she perished aboard the Space Shuttle *Challenger*, but she is memorialized in Concord at the Christa McAuliffe School and the McAuliffe-Shephard Discover Center.

From my 6 years as Governor, I can testify that Concord's greatest assets are the everyday people of the city, who are unfailingly gracious and friendly. And, though I am far from objective, I think that Concord's Main Street is one of the very best in New England. It takes its character not only from the historic architecture, but also from the stores, cafes, and restaurants—places where people know your name, and where the small business owners are right there, every day.

Concord is marking its 250th anniversary, this year, with multiple events and festivities, including a week-long

celebration in August. And the city is also looking to the future, with an ambitious project to renew the city's center. Mayor Jim Bouley and the people of Concord are determined to preserve the historic character and charm of downtown, while also creating a 21st century Main Street. I salute their city's rich past and present, and I look forward to joining in the anniversary celebrations in the near future.●

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT DONUTS.SLIDERS.BREWS.

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses are often on the front lines of partnering with local organizations and non-profits to fight for change in their communities. I am proud to announce District Donuts.Sliders.Brews. of New Orleans, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

Opened on the iconic Magazine Street in October 2013, District Donuts.Sliders.Brews., District D.S.B., has quickly become a Garden District staple. This establishment is not an ordinary doughnut shop. One can expect to find an ever-changing variety of treats ranging in selection from peanut butter chocolate raspberry to spicy maple praline to whiskey ginger. In addition to over 100 doughnut options, District D.S.B. also offers a variety of made-to-order sliders. The only brews one will find at District D.S.B. consist of the coffee variety. One of District D.S.B.'s most popular beverages is their cold pressed coffee, which has been nitrogen brewed for nearly 30 hours.

In addition to offering a diverse selection of doughnuts, sliders, and brews, District D.S.B. is also well-known for partnering with local community organizations and non-profits. Most recently, District D.S.B. embarked on a partnership with Crossroads NOLA—a nonprofit organization for the development of a citywide foster care and adoption initiative. Together, the two aim to educate and engage adults in the greater New Orleans community of Louisiana's foster care system through their campaign WeDon'tServeKids. The details of this innovative initiative touch at the heart of the Louisiana spirit. WeDon'tServeKids targets Louisianians' generosity, southern hospitality, love of food, and appreciation for tradition through the creation of their Streatcar food truck. On any given night, one can find District D.S.B.'s Streatcar catering weddings, receptions, parties, and events across the greater New Orleans area. One hundred percent of the profits from the Streatcar go to support Crossroads NOLA—aiding children in foster care and families across the State through a variety of services the organization offers.

Congratulations again to District Donuts.Sliders.Brews. for being selected as Small Business of the Week. Thank you for your continued commitment to serving kids and families in

your community—effectively improving the lives of young folks in Louisiana for generations to come.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1661. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1662. A communication from the Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Past Performance Information Retrieval System—Statistical Reporting (PPIRS-SR)" ((RIN0750-AI40) (DFARS Case 2014-D015)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1663. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2014 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1664. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Department of the Air Force, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1665. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1666. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Affordability Determination—Energy Efficiency Standards" (RIN2501-ZA01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1667. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1668. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1669. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration,